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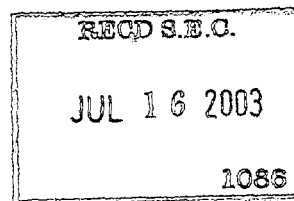


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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, ISTAR FINANCIAL INC., Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$.001 per share and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on July 16, 2003. Tentative listing date - July 18, 2003.

Sincerely,

*James J. Hodes*